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TO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:CASC, AO, US

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF US PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 34135

1. WE HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS IN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE STATUS OF AMCITS DETAINED BY THE MPLA IN ANGOLA. WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY LAGOS TO REQUEST THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO INTERCEDE, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE COUP REPORTS, THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY BEFORE WE CAN GET ANY ACTION FROM THAT QUARTER.

2. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THE  
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EMBASSY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MPLA REPS IN LISBON, EITHER

DIRECTLY, OR THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES, TO PASS THE WORD THAT MEN ARE BONA FIDE CIVILIAN PILOTS WHO WERE FERRYING A CIVILIAN CRAFT TO SOUTHWEST AFRICA. WE CAN GIVE CATEGORIC ASSURANCES TO THIS EFFECT. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROMPT RELEASE OF THE MEN AND PLANE AND WOULD HOPE THE MPLA WILL ACT SWIFTLY OUT OF HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS AND IN ORDER NOT TO EXACERBATE THE ALREADY DELICATE RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN US.

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